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MEDICINAL.

Now and again you see two women passing down the street who look like sisters. You are astonished to learn that



they are mother and daughter, and you realize that a woman at forty or forty-five ought to be at her finest and fairest. Why isn't it so?

The general health of woman is so intimately associated with the local health of the essentially feminine organs that there can be no rich cheek and round form where there are debilitating drains, and female weakness. Women who have suffered from these troubles have found prompt relief and cure in the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It gives vigor and vitality to the organs of womanhood. It clears the complexion, brightens the eyes and reddens the cheeks.

No alcohol, opium or other narcotic is contained in "Favorite Prescription." Any sick woman may consult Doctor Pierce by letter, free. Every letter is held in strictest confidence, and answered in a plain envelope. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

I commenced to take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription," writes Mrs. Martha E. Barham, of Newell, Prince George Co., Va. "In June, 1898, I was afflicted with the 'menstrual troubles' called chronic indigestion, torpid liver and vertigo. I also suffered with female weakness. The doctor did not do me any good, so I wrote to you for advice. When I commenced to use the medicine I weighed only 112 pounds, now I weigh 140 pounds."

Dr. Pierce's Pills regulate the liver

GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION.

Commonwealth of Virginia.

Governor's Office.

January 13, 1900.

"I have been more or less troubled with indigestion but since the use of Otterburn Lithia Water for over a month have been greatly relieved and I think it principally due to the efficacy of the water. I cheerfully recommend it."

J. HOGE TYLER,

Superintendent of Public Instruction.

"I desire to bear testimony to the great value of the Otterburn Lithia Water of America county. In my own person I have found this water very beneficial in indigestion and gout."

JOS. W. SOUTHAIR, M. D.

Dr. George Ben, Johnston, says:

"I use it in gout, rheumatism, dyspepsia, lithemia, and all forms of renal and bladder trouble. I prescribe no mineral water so free as the Otterburn."

Dr. J. G. Trevilian says:

"Several of my cases of kidney trouble have improved rapidly under the use of the Otterburn Water than Bethesda or Buffalo Lithia."

State Chemist Speaks.

"This spring is of the Calc-Magnesium-Alkaline class of waters—waters which are of approved efficacy in a variety of disorders, especially of the digestive and urinary organs."

WM. H. TAYLOR, M. D.

State Chemist.

"I have found the Otterburn Lithia very useful in my practice."

WM. M. SMITH, M. D.

"I regard Otterburn Lithia Water as one of the most valuable mineral waters on the market and use it extensively in my practice."

HUGH McGUIRE, M. D.

Sold by Claude M. Lennon, Sole Agt.

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Streets with you whether you continue the

removes the desire for tobacco, with

restless nervousness, depression, and

stomach troubles, restores the blood, re-

stores lost manhood, and restores the

in health, nerve, and vitality. Take it

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THE CITY PLAT BOOK.

Alexandria, Va., April 4.

To the Editor of the Alexandria Gazette:

Dear Sir:—In the Gazette of Wed-

nesday evening you refer to a meeting

of the joint committees on finance, gen-

eral laws and streets held to consider a

proposition from the Virginia Title

Company regarding the purchase of a

plat book of the city of Alexandria.

As the natural inference in the minds

of the general public of Alexandria

from this notice would be that the book

offered is not worth the money asked,

it might be of interest to the taxpayers

of the city to know a few of the facts as

they exist today.

The writer several days ago had an

interview with the present commis-

sioner of revenue, Mr. Callahan, in re-

spect to the value of this plat book to

the city of Alexandria.

At this interview Mr. Callahan did

not express the opinion to the writer

that the plat book offered at a

price of \$2.50 was not worth this sum

to the city. He explained the meth-

ods in vogue in his office and he also

stated it was largely optional with the

holder of this office as to the methods

to be pursued in the making of the city

assessment and the keeping of the re-

ords of the same. While the

writer believes the present incumbent

is and is conducting the office con-

scientiously and to the best of his abili-

ties with the information at hand, there

is no guarantee that his successor will

either pursue the same methods or be

as active in obtaining all available in-

formation looking towards an equi-

table and fair assessment.

The law does not say he shall go to

the clerk's office and ferret out plat

dimensions of lots, &c. The facts in

any case, and I believe they will be so

found on careful investigation, are

these:

Any commissioner of revenue can

adopt any method as, in his individual

judgment, seems best in making an as-

essment, ignoring or conforming to

any methods pursued by his predecess-

or, be they bad or good. In at least

75 per cent. of the squares in the city

he makes his assessments (and it is no

reflection on him, in the absence of in-

formation) in utter ignorance of either

the frontage or depth in feet of lots in-

dividually or relatively, resulting in a

taxpayer with a lot 50 feet front by

100 feet deep probably being taxed only

one-half the amount of his neighbor

who owns a lot 16 by 75 feet, the im-

provements thereon not being consid-

ered.

The commissioner of revenue has

neither the time, means or money

at his disposal to search

the city's records for the legal

owner of each lot in the city of

Alexandria, obtain its dimensions and

make a plat of each square to know

whether he has made a proper assess-

ment based upon the relative depth

and frontage of lots, nor whether he has

assessed all the property in a square.

To obtain this information, and the

writer knows whereof he speaks from

experience, would cost alone the city of

Alexandria far more than is asked by

the Virginia Title Company for this in-

formation.

I understand some five

years ago from \$100,000 to \$150,000, per-

haps \$200,000 of property in this city

was unassessed. As an actual fact I know

at the time the data of the Virginia

Title Company was being prepared

many hundreds of dollars of property

in this city was unassessed. The Com-

missioner of Revenue thinks he now

has all property included, so he has

stated to the writer. Under the present

system it will never be known pos-

itively whether it is or not.

It is believed, and I am not alone by

any means in this opinion, that every

lot and block in this city should be

numbered, the present methods changed

and lots instead of being indefinitely

identified as for example "a lot on the

east side of Washington street, between

King and Cameron," should be lot No.

—in block—. To do this involves no

great first outlay of labor with the in-

formation as offered by the Virginia

Title Co., and it enables a fixed sys-

tem to be adopted easily kept up to

date.

Their proposition is to furnish a plat

book with all lots and blocks num-

bered, the dimensions of the same with

all alleys as recorded to April 1, 1900,

and a list of the owners of record of

each lot on that date.

There are few if any fixed monu-

ments designating streets in this cit-

ty. The squares as built up nearly all

either exceed or fall short of the legal

length.

To survey a lot or fix the corners of

any square the City Engineer should

have at his command a plat of the di-

mensions of each lot as recorded in that

square.

Under the present system any City

Engineer who surveys a lot or gives

the lines for a building must assured-

ly assume a large responsibility.

The writer will not consume

more of your valuable space in

stating other reasons why the Virginia

Title Company, city and tax payers

residents of this city should be

not believe the plat book offered is not

only valuable and necessary to the city,

but the price asked is extremely low.

As the additional outlay necessary by

the Virginia Title Company to furnish

to the city of Alexandria the plat book

and list of owners of each lot will be

fully \$10,000, an offer of \$1500 will

be accepted. D. J. HOWELL.

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Nothing but a local

remedy or change of

climate will cure

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The specific is

Ely's Cream Balm

It is quickly absorb-

ed. Gives relief at

once. Opens and

cleanses the Nasal

Passages. Allays inflammation. Heals and

protects the membrane. Restores the senses

of Taste and Smell. No mercury. No in-

jury to drug. Regular size, 50 cents; family

size, \$1 at druggists or by mail.

ELY BROTHERS, 59 Warren Street, N. Y.

REMARKABLE COLORED MEN.—The

three oldest colored residents of Win-

chester died suddenly within a short

time of each other yesterday. The

first was Joseph D. Orcutt, who was

seventy-nine years of age. He suffered

a stroke of paralysis about a year ago

as a result of worry over his son's im-

prisonment in the Maryland peniten-

tiary for killing Price Eddy in Hagers-

town last spring. Last Sunday he was

stricken again, and died yesterday.